



Pond to Pines Outdoor School – Summer Camp

Camp Counselor (2 to 3 positions)

Job Description: The Kittitas Environmental Education Network (KEEN) seeks two Camp Counselors to facilitate outdoor learning experiences for local elementary and middle school students. The Pond to Pines Outdoor School is a series of week-long day camps that will take place at Helen McCabe State Park from June 17 to July 26, 2019 (no camp during the week of July 4). The camp curriculum focuses on engaging outdoor science and engineering experiences and includes games, scientific inquiry, exploration, and art. Each Camp Counselor will work with our Environmental Education Director to facilitate outdoor learning and will be supported by adult volunteers. A week of training will occur prior to the first week of camp, June 10, 2019.

Camp Counselors should have an interest in education, outdoor learning, and working with children of different ages. Candidates should also be prepared for vigorous outdoor activity during the hot summers of the Central Washington climate. Camp is held at Helen McCabe State Park near Ellensburg and has no shelter or indoor spaces.

Essential Position Functions: The primary responsibilities of the Camp Counselors will be to support the Environmental Education Director in facilitating outdoor learning experiences for children. The Camp Counselors will:

- Work with volunteer assistants to facilitate learning for a group of campers that includes:
 - Standards-aligned outdoor activities
 - Educational and recreational games
 - Week-long field investigations
- Assist in the oversight of the safety of campers during camp activities
- Assist in collection of camp assessment and evaluation data
- Be able to work outdoors, during hot weather, in vigorous and athletic situations
- Possess boating, fishing, hiking, and other outdoor skills
- Be able to stay overnight for one night of Survivor Camp

Required Skills and Qualifications: The successful candidate will:

- Be dependable, self-motivated, and well-organized
- Have experience working with Kindergarten-9th grade students preferably in a camp environment

- Be able to manage outdoor learning experiences, identify any safety concerns, and comply with relevant safety policies
- Be in possession of a valid driver's license, clean driving record, and a reliable vehicle
- Be able to pass a criminal background check to work with youth

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience or education in Environmental Education, Science Education, or related field
- First aid training
- Experience in camp environments – either as a camper or as a counselor
- Teacher or student working to achieve a teaching degree
- Spanish language proficiency preferred

Position Duration, Schedule, & Benefits: This is a 40 hour/week, seasonal position that begins on June 10 and ends July 26. There is no camp during the week of July 4th, but employees will work July 1, 2 and 3 preparing for the final weeks of camp. The wage rate for Camp Counselor is \$14/hour.

To Apply: A complete application will include a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references emailed to kittitasee@gmail.com.

Application Deadline: These positions are open until filled. Application review will begin on April 6, 2019.

About KEEN: KEEN was established as a 501©3 in 2000 and has been operating in Kittitas County as an all-volunteer organization for the past 19 years. Our mission is to 'Connect Community to Nature' following the principles of environmental education; teaching people 'how' to think, not 'what' to think. KEEN believes in lifelong-learning and provides informal education opportunities for kids, adults, and seniors. KEEN consists of a Board of Directors of highly committed individuals, and several active committees that focus on specific tasks and projects (40+ people). Geographically KEEN focuses our work on Kittitas County, but KEEN is active in partnering with groups that expand down the Yakima River Valley through Yakima and Benton Counties.